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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The subject application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/571,530, filed May 16, 2000. The cited references were cited in the prosecution of the parent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and the PTO's waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i) (1276 OG 55), no copies of these references are being submitted herewith.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a new patent application, no fee is deemed necessary. If, however, a fee is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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